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Hongkong, December 2, 1907. 1813

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, December 1, 1907. 1907

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HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM this date this AGENCY will be
conducted by Mr J. MILLET.
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Hongkong, December 2, 1907. 1908

HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES
SOCIETY.

POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the above Society which was con-
vened for this afternoon has been post-
poned, and will be held at the Office of the
Undersecretary, 18, Bank Buildings, on
MONDAY, the 9th December, 1907, at
5.15 P.M.

H. E. POLLOCK.
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Hongkong, December 2, 1907. 1914

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such building within the Western Division
of the City of Victoria, occupied by Members
of more than one family must be CLEAN-
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by the Owner during the month of Novem-
ber and December.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in
this notice means that the houses should be
limewashed in respect of all the Walls of
each Room and Staircases, all cubicle par-
titions, Stair Casings and Stair Landings, all
Ceilings and the Undersides of Roofs, both
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SOCIETY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

THE Committee of the 'AL FRESCO

FETE' held on the 10th inst. in the

Compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral

beg to tender their heartfelt THANKS to

H. E. The Governor and Lady Lugard and

to the Ladies and Gentlemen who so kindly

contributed with their valuable assistance

towards the success of the Fete.

Their BEST THANKS are also due to the

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HONGKONG, September 24, 1907.

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THE OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

History of the Hongkong Centre.

The following interesting history of the Hongkong Centre of the Oxford Local Examinations is supplied by Dr. Bateson Wright in this year's report:—

On the 13th of May, 1886, a Meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Dr. Stewart in the chair, and present

Bishop Burdon, Hon. A. Lister, Dr. Chalmers, Dr. Eitel, Dr. Ho Kai, Mr. C. J. Bateman, Mr. G. H. B. Wright and others.

It was decided to establish Cam-

bridge Local Examinations in Hong-

kong. Mr Bateman was elected Local

Secretary and all present agreed to

serve on the Local Committee.

On the motion of Dr. Stewart

seconded by Hon. A. Lister, it was

agreed that if it should be considered

advisable to form an Oxford Local

Centre in Hongkong the present Com-

mittee would also serve on the Oxford

Local Committee with Mr. Wright as

Local Secretary.

In 1886-7 Messrs Bateman and

Wright in vain endeavoured to induce

the Cambridge Syndicate to grant

Hongkong certain privileges neces-

sitated by its immense distance from

England. The most important of

these was the favour of Advance

information as to variable subjects for

the ensuing year, in order that three

months of preparation for the Examina-

tion might not be lost owing to the

time required for ordering and obtain-

ing from England the necessary new

books.

Mr. Wright in 1887 accordingly

addressed the Oxford Delegation where-

upon all the desired privileges were at

once accorded. The then members of

the Cambridge Committee signified in

writing their willingness to serve on

the Oxford Committee, some others

were invited to join; and their names

with Mr. Wright as Local Secretary

were submitted to, and approved by,

the Oxford Delegation, 2nd February,

1888.

The first examination was held at

the Central School in July 1888, 25

Fees being paid, all the candidates

coming from the above mentioned

school. With the exception of 1891

all subsequent Oxford Local Examina-

tions have been held in Queen's College

Hall. Sir William Robinson made an

order 138/95 C. S. O. Letter, that

Queen's College should be closed for

the days required for the holding of the

Oxford Local Examinations, and this

usage has been observed ever since.

In 1891 the Examination was held

at the City Hall when it was discovered

that even with the small number of

candidates then attending the accom-

modation was inadequate, and the

arrangement (candidates facing one

another at long tables) proved to be

distinctly unsatisfactory from Oxford.

That the Oxford Local Examinations

have been appreciated by Masters and

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noon on this date subject to rent.

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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, December 5:—

Noon.—Auction of British & a Wing Hang

at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Room.

FRIDAY, December 6:—

11 a.m.—Auction of English Gold & Silver

Jewellery, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's

Sales Room.

Noon.—Auction of 8945 Bags Wheat,

at No. 155, Praya West.

SATURDAY, December 7:—

Boxing at City Hall.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's

Sales Room.

MONDAY, November 25:—

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Land at the

Public Works Department's Offices.

TUESDAY, December 12:—

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, December 18:—

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property,

at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales

Rooms.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1907.

THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

MANY writers at home are emphasising

the fact that, while the Navy may or

may not be in a state of perfect efficiency,

it is certain that the reserve is not

sufficient to fill the gaps which would

be created in a great naval war. It is

estimated that to place the fleet on a

war footing would take approximately

138,120 men and our total available

forces, including the reserve, do not

exceed 180,000. A safe reserve would

be 80,000 so that we are somewhere

about 40,000 men short of the required

margin. The question of providing a

reserve of men, at all events partially

trained, has exercised the minds of the

Home authorities for many years but no

satisfactory solution of the problem has

been yet arrived at. In 1903 the Naval

Reserves Committee recommended the

Admiralty to encourage any well-con-

sidered scheme of training ships or

homes for boys which might be estab-

lished for the advantage of the mercan-

tile marine. Nothing apparently has

yet been done in this direction by the

Admiralty. Obviously if a number of

such training ships were established and

the boys were given instruction, not only

in the duties they would have to per-

form on merchant vessels, but also those

which would fall to their lot if they

were drafted for a period on to one of

His Majesty's ships of war the result

would be beneficial. But while this

plan, if carried out properly, would pro-

vide for the future the difficulty which

exists for the present would remain. We

can learn a lesson from Germany in this

connection. Every man and boy in the

German mercantile marine is liable, be-

tween the ages of 17 and 45, to service

in the Navy. From an article in the

'Navy League Annual' to which we are

indebted for these facts we gather that

every sea-faring man on German mer-

chant ships must, at the age of 20, enrol

either in the active or reserve forces of

the army or navy. This of course is

conscripted and it is hardly likely that

for a long time to come, the British

people will tolerate that system. But

it should be possible to obtain the ser-

vices of the 40,000 men who would

be required in time of war from the

150,000 Britishers employed in British

ships. (This is leaving out of

account the 43,000 Germans and

other Asiatics and the 40,000 other

foreigners now employed in our mer-

cantile marine). To induce these men

to volunteer their services in times of

stress it should be made well worth

their while. The cost of bringing an

other 40,000 men into the reserve would

perhaps, be considerable, but, as has been over and over again pointed out, it is the acme of unwise to cut down the insurance policy. Upon retaining the command of the sea depends our very existence and a little, or even a great, additional annual expenditure should be regarded as inevitable. But, besides increasing the monetary inducement to join the naval reserve, there are other methods of making the service attractive. The officers and men who agree to train themselves for service in times of need should have their status recognised as it is in Germany, where, we read, the mercantile marine takes a very high rank in the estimation of the country. Also the ship-owners should be encouraged to give preference to reservists. There are many ways in which this could be done, and, if the British Government showed that substantial advantages would result from manning merchant vessels with reservists, in course of time foreigners would cease to be employed. The mercantile marine is the natural source of supply for the navy when occasion demands it and full recognition should be given to this fact. It should not be beyond the wit of the Government to secure the 40,000 men who would place our capability to meet any crisis beyond question.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The English Mail of the 2nd November was delivered in London on the 30th Nov.

Major-General Broadwood returned to the Colony on the N. D. L. s.s. Princess Alice, arriving to-day.

Friday next, the second day of the Chinese procession, will be recognised as a public holiday.

Sir Alexander Hogg, H. M. Commercial Attaché in China, arrived in Shanghai on Nov. 29 and expected to remain there until well into the New Year.

On Friday, the 29th inst., the Cricket Club intends to hold a subscription dance at the City Hall. The object of the dance is to raise funds, and tickets will shortly be on sale at \$5 each.

Many Japanese are reported to be exploring Mongolia, and a department has been started in the Tokyo University for the study of the Mongolian language which would seem to indicate that Japan has aims in that direction.

Messrs E. S. Kadorie and Co. are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Singapore informing them that the crushing of the Rauh Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd., for the past period yielded 1103 ozs gold from 6148 tons stone.

Japanese papers state that frost was experienced on Nov. 22 at several places in the vicinity of Osaka, and that snow fell for about twenty minutes in the afternoon. The snowfall was twelve days earlier than in an average year and six days earlier than last year.

A tallyman in the employ of Messrs Blackhead and Company was summoned at the Magistracy this morning, before Mr H. H. J. Gompertz, with unlawfully receiving certain bottles of wine and whiskey, of a total value of \$59.10. A shopkeeper was charged with receiving another batch of liquor and both cases were remanded.

Mobilisation has been the order of the day among the different regiments in the garrison recently and when signs of activity were shown on the gunboats and torpedo-boat destroyers this morning it was generally considered that they were to take part in the general movement which has signalled garrison work during the past week. However, the vessels mentioned were off to Canton—so assist in the policing of the West River.

Chan Ngai acting as the Good Samaritan to a woman named Wong Kiu and for his sympathy he had to pay \$25 or serve a term of imprisonment for six weeks. He told Mr H. H. J. Gompertz the following story this morning at the Magistracy. He had met the woman on the hillside at Lantau Island, both being engaged in cutting grass. She told him that her husband treated her cruelly, and he, in the goodness of his heart, offered to take her beneath his roof for protection. Then her husband had something to say. He found that his wife was living with Chan and he objected, with the result that Chan was arrested and charged with harbouring a married woman without her husband's consent. The fine mentioned above was the result of the hearing.

PNEUMONIA.

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SOLDIERS AND BANDITS.

A Hand to Hand Fight.

For some time robbers and brigands have been increasing in the district of Heungshan. Recently a new official was appointed whose duty it was to clear out these robbers, which generally means that they are driven across the border into some other county. This new man, however, determined to attack them in their lairs and did so. The robbers showed fight, and there was a hand to hand struggle; of the latter six were killed outright, whilst others were wounded. On the other hand only one of the soldiers was killed. The soldiers, however, have not been able to oust the robbers from their retreat, and have sent for more men.

THE CANTON COLLAPSE

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 2.

A restaurant in the western suburbs collapsed last night and nearly one hundred persons were killed. Probably as many more were wounded. One report is that a Chinese who had just returned from America was giving a wedding feast and in connection with the feast he gave a magic lantern exhibition. After the lights were extinguished a crowd came in from the outside and the second floor of the establishment was not equal to the strain. The walls fell in with very little warning. A company of police were promptly on the spot and worked heroically to rescue the living ones from the ruins.

Physicians and attendants from the Fong Pin Native Hospital were also present, and those who were badly injured, as well as the dead, were taken to that Hospital. Some ten or twelve children were killed, and about twenty women.

The building is said to have been very old and in bad condition, the walls being badly cracked. A number of officials came to the scene of the disaster. It is to be hoped that some steps will be taken to prevent such accidents in the future.

AMOY NOTES.

NAVAL NEWS.

AMOY, Nov. 28.

The German cruiser Arcona is still in port, though the Japanese cruiser, Akitsushima left on the 16th inst. for Formosa. The Austrian cruiser and flagship, Kaiser Franz Josef I. came into port from Tsing-tung on the 24th inst. and is still here. This latter vessel has a very good band, and through the kindness of the Captain and officers, it has played on the tennis lawn once or twice, a pleasure much appreciated by Amoy residents.

KULANGSUE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The present Council is determined not to be caught napping in regard to the requisite formalities for the next election, and so a list of 63 names is printed in the 'Amoy Gazette' of all entitled to vote at the forthcoming election in January. The qualifications for voters are as follows:—(1) Foreign owners of land on Kulangsue registered at a Consulate and of an assessed value of not less than \$1000.00 (2). Authorized agents or proxies of land owners as above, who are absent from the port. (3). Foreign annual tax-payers of \$5.00 and upwards exclusive of licenses. The date of election is not yet fixed, but anyone whose name has been omitted is requested to write at once to the secretary that his name may be added to the list.

THE AMOY LACE GUILD.

Some interesting person has sent a very interesting account of this lace guild to a Shanghai paper, and this happens to be one of our most flourishing of local industries. I am sure if the lady residents of Hongkong know what splendid work is now turned out by these arduous Chinese woman workers they would not be behind the home hands in ordering specimens. Any orders sent to the indefatigable Secretary, Miss Frances Randall, will receive instant attention, and she will be pleased to give all necessary information about the methods of working the guild to any who wish to start similar institutions in other places. It has been of immense value and increasing usefulness to scores of poor women in Amoy and Kulangsue, who have been able to add to the resources of the home, and so increase the number of bread-winners in a family.

TRADE STATISTICS.

In imports, the following are the most important in the fortnight from Nov. 9th to 22nd. Raw cotton, 1250 pels.; shirtings, 2905 pels.; rice, 14,038 pels.; opium, 147 pels.; flour, 2715 pels.; beans and beanmeal, 2948 pels.; mats of tea, 6000 pels.; Borneo Oil in bulk, 1850 gals.; Sumatra oil in bulk, 2500 gal.; and tobacco leaf, 1000 pels. In exports, sugar, 4402 pels.; and sugar candy, 1773 pels.; hump bags, 12,900 pels.; and hemp, 15,350 pels.; paper, 2311 pels.; prepared tobacco, 434 pels.; and 1000 kittysols.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE KAISER.

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LONDON, December 2.

The Kaiser has entertained 170 children at Higholiffe.

The youngsters were assembled in the schoolroom and were regaled with tea and cake, His Majesty himself cutting the cake.

AIRSHIPS.

The 'Patrie' Lost.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

BILLIARDS.

Inman at the Phoenix Club.

There was a splendid gathering of local cricketers at the Phoenix Club, Wyndham Street, last night, when Mr. Molbourne Inman conceded 500 points in a game of 1000 up to our local champion, Mr. Hinds. At nine o'clock, the hour at which the game commenced, the seating accommodation, which was carefully planned, under the supervision of the club's secretary, Mr. E. G. Jordan, was fully occupied. During the progress of the game it was evident to the observer that our local champion was very much below his usual form, his highest break being 33, this being in a great measure due to the fact of Mr. Hinds having been playing bowls during the afternoon. On the other hand Mr. Inman was at the top of his form, so to speak, and every time he went to the table the spectators were treated to billiards served up in breaks of from 40 upwards, for which he was deservedly applauded. Towards the close of the game the local champion did not improve, his score standing at 725 when Mr. Inman ran out with an unfinished break of 102. After the match Mr. Inman treated the spectators to a delightful exhibition of fancy shots, all of which looked easy of manipulation to the professional. The balls used were crystal ones. The highest breaks made during the evening were as follows:—Hinds—24, 24, 33, 11. Inman—61, 56, 95, 132, 95, 49, 91, and 102 unfinished.

On Monday, the 9th inst., in St. George's Hall, City Hall, Mr. Inman and Mr. Hinds will play two exhibition games of 1000 each, the local man receiving 500 each game. The hours of play will be 5 and 9 p.m.

"HAPPY" BRIGANDS.

An East River Gang.

We Ting-pu reports that in and around Pokoh and Shek-lung on the East River, there are robbers prowling around who wear a particular kind of dress, on which the distinctive character "Fok" is engraved. This word, as everybody knows, means happiness. The soldiers are in search of these robbers, but when the police appear the latter seem to somehow hide themselves and cannot be found. The authorities are making strenuous efforts to find out who they are, and are trying to arrest them, for the appearance of such men is causing the hearts of respectable people to be full of fear and full of terror.

THE ANTI-OPIMUM MOVEMENT IN CANTON.

The persistence with which some Chinese go on in the way they have begun is illustrated by the owners of some opium shops in Kun-in, just outside Canton. Therein some four or five opium shops of the lower class had been closed and sealed, because their owners had persisted in selling the drug, and the lower class of the drug moreover. However, in response to the appeals of the neighbours the owners of the shops were allowed to retain their places, if they would turn them to some other purpose, which they at once promised to do. Yet a month or so after the owners of these identical shops had opened them again, for the sale of opium, and they were discovered in full swing. This time, however, they have been thoroughly frightened. Their shops have been sealed up and if they attempt to touch these seals, the hand of the law will stop their movements very abruptly.

JAPANESE SECURITIES.

Foreign Capitalist's Views.

On Nov. 10 last Mr. Hein, the well known English banker, and Mr. Sale, one of the leading merchants of Yokohama, entertained the principal Japanese bankers at the Metropolitan Hotel in Tsukiji, Tokyo. Mr. Hein, acting with the co-operation of Mr. Sale in Japan, has been one of the principal channels through which Japanese securities have found their way into the hands of British capitalists. He is reported to have alluded to this fact in his speech at the banquet on the 10th inst. and to have stated that his visit to that country had been undertaken at the suggestion of Mr. Sale and in the conviction that more is to be learned by one look than by a hundred words. The result of his investigations in Japan had been to confirm his previous conviction that Japanese securities might be safely recommended to the soberest of British capitalists. He would have great pleasure in carrying back this strengthened conviction. He also spoke in terms of eulogy about the syndicate formed by Japanese banks to supply capital to public corporations and trustworthy companies, and he intimated his willingness to join such a syndicate.

BRILLIANT DETECTIVE WORK.

A remarkable scene was the other day enacted in an express between Bernath and Colopio. Into a compartment reserved for ladies, of whom one of the occupants was closely veiled, there hurriedly entered a well-dressed man just as the train was leaving a station midway between the two places. To the ladies' protest he replied by pleading haste, and seated himself opposite the veiled lady. When near Cologne he leaped up, seized the supposed woman, and exclaiming, "I arrest you in the name of the law," stretched away the veil revealing a man's features. The prisoner is one of the most dangerous thieves in Germany.

POLICING THE WEST RIVER.

The Moorhen, three destroyers and two torpedo boats left to-day for the West River to assist in the policing of the waterways around Canton. The fact that these vessels have left will no doubt restore confidence among the traders and passengers who have occasion to use these routes.

Commenting on the Chinese objections to the policing of the West River by Great Britain the "N.C. Daily News" says: As in Chikiang, so in Kwangtung the entry nominally directed against foreign interference in Chinese affairs in reality marks another phase in the struggle now begun between the Central Government and the Provinces. No arguments can be adduced to prove that China's sovereign rights can possibly be affected by instructing the Customs officers engaged in the prevention of smuggling to turn their attention as well to piracy. On the other hand "dealing with" the pirates—in more senses than one—has hitherto been the concern of the provincial authorities; fleets for their suppression have existed on paper, and the work of looking after the desperadoes, who to a large extent are unassuming husbandmen in their leisure moments, has presumably proved too lucrative to many officials to surrender lightly. None too soon the Peking Government has begun to appreciate the enormous monetary loss suffered by the Empire through the existing method of ordering its finances. At a moment when money is required to carry through a number of reforms urgently demanded on all hands the Central Treasury is found to be sadly straitened in spite of satisfactory years. The first step to remedy this state of affairs must be in the direction of the centralization of control, and at once the vested interests of the provinces and their officials are challenged. It is unfortunate in our respect that in the preliminary skirmishes between the Government and the provinces British interests should occupy a buffer position; but if the firm attitude recently shown by the British Government in its dealings with Peking be maintained, there is every hope that the Central authorities will derive from it the necessary momentum to carry the day against the short-sighted policy that finds favour in provincial officialdom.

The "Shanghai Mercury" in the course of an article says: We must confess to a good deal of sympathy with the Cantonese. We should hate to have foreign gunboats patrolling the Thames. How the Americans would be pleased if there were a dozen German vessels keeping watch and ward up the Mississippi we can easily guess. And, perhaps, our Canton friends may ask why a that there are none? Why are there no British ships watching over British interests in French ports? We have pointed out the answer before. French ports are safe. Did danger threaten there would within twelve hours be French ships of war at hand to protect trade and punish the wrong doer.

It is not so in the Delta of the Canton and West Rivers. There, hardly a day passes without its piratical raid. So long has this been so, that the Chinese of the Kwangtung province have come to look upon piracy as upon one of those things described in bills of lading as "visitations of God," events which like thunderstorms, typhoons, and earthquakes must be expected and insured against. A system of blackmail has thus grown up and has come to be considered in the same light as we look upon fire insurance. With the Englishman, of course, accustomed for generations to absolute immunity from such raids, there is no such complacency. He resents the intrusion of the sea robber or the creek thief. Down with him! The country which tolerates him is either too weak or too unenlightened to be counted amongst the nations of the earth. Hence the arrangement come to with the Peking Government. We have the power on the spot which China has not. And the Canton gentry have been told in two words what the agreement is. It is a matter of "Mutual Assistance."

When China has become more acquainted with the manners and customs pertaining to International life she will see that this mutual aid is a very common thing when circumstances call for it. Some time ago there was a very severe earthquake in the West India Islands. It happened that we had no warship close at hand. The Americans had, and the Captain immediately offered his assistance. But it happened that we had an official there a man who might have been a Canton gentleman of the present day. He very brusquely told the American officer that his help was not wanted. America shrugged her shoulders, but England was furious, and very few days sufficed to teach that official how kindly officers ought to be received.

The "P. and T. Times" says: The people of Kwangtung if they are indeed becoming excited are mainly reacting to official suggestion. Left to themselves they would probably be perfectly indifferent as to whether foreign or Chinese gunboats suppressed the river piracy, so long only as it is suppressed. The suggestions of the Viceroy are no doubt strengthened by the pirate bands themselves, who would naturally strongly oppose the idea of the river being kept in order by a foreign power, and they and any officials in league with them—it is rumored there are many—would of course see to it that the people were stirred up and alarmed at the prospect.

The Viceroy's Opinion.

Viceroy Chang Jen-chun has memorialized that the British interference in policing the West River means interference in the internal administration and also the right of interference be permitted it will become a precedent and much damage will be done to China's sovereign rights and therefore he asks the Waiwupu that such interference should be rejected and he also says that the claim of damages by British steamers owing to pirates is against the treaty and such piracies also be rejected.

SPORTING.

Football.

The Hongkong Club's Association team played a draw with a team from H. M. S. Monmouth, yesterday, but both teams were under full strength. The Monmouth played four reserves—owing to four of their players being ordered to Canton for duty on the West river and the Club played two substitutes—B. F. Chapman and C. Humphreys. Under the circumstances the Club was unlucky in drawing only, for most of the game was in the Club's favour.

HONGKONG Y.M.C.A.

On Saturday next the Hongkong Club meet the Y.M.C.A. at Happy Valley and those who have followed football this season anticipate a good match. The Club should win—providing all the forwards can turn out.

THE NAVAL LEAGUE.

H. M. S. Astrea has won the Naval funder league, with a record of eight wins, one loss and one draw. The Monmouth (4 wins, 2 losses, one draw) hope to get second though the King Alfred (two wins, two losses and one draw) are practically level. The Bedford, the Tamar, and the T. B. D. (Torpedo Boat Destroyers) are out of the running now.

THE SHIELD COMPETITION.

A C. M. meeting of the Hongkong Football Shield Competition will be held on Friday evening at 5.45 in Mr. L. J. Wishart's room, over Messrs Douglas, Lapin and Company's offices. The business to be settled is the preliminaries for the forthcoming season and the question of regiments competing by companies or otherwise. Clubs intending to compete in the competition are requested to send representatives to the meeting.

BRUTAL ROBBERS.

How the Chinese Bandit Works.

The Ichowfu (Shantung) correspondent of the "Shanghai Mercury" writes:

One of those strangely brutal robberies to which China is still exposed, with all its vaunted promises of reform, occurred some forty miles north of Ichowfu a few days ago. As reported by the Rev. W. P. Cluifant, the details run about as follows: A venerable Christian, named Wang, living near Nan Tse Ohwan, a man of great wealth according to Chinese standards, has long feared an attack by bandits, and has consequently kept rather well prepared for their reception. Not long ago, however, he fell ill and took to his bed.

The robbers living in the mountains near heard of his defenceless condition very soon, and one day thirty of them, armed to the teeth with modern weapons, without warning dashed up to the rich man's village, firing guns, shouting, and driving terror into the stoutest hearts. The old gentleman was dragged from his bed, soaked in oil, and threatened with execution unless he told where his silver lay, while the women were tied to the misters by their hair, that terror might do its perfect work. Extreme measures were not resorted to, however, for the bandits found much rich plunder ready to hand, consisting especially of the pretentious trousseau of several newly married girls recently added to the family. Each man possessed himself of all he could carry, ammunition was seized, weapons were laid and old were destroyed, the robbers calmly cooked and ate supper, and then prepared for flight.

As they dashed out of the gate a countryman came in sight with an old blunderbuss; asking no questions, one of the thieves fired, and the man fell dead. To avoid further trouble, each bandit then snatched up a little child, slung it over his shoulder, and the retreat began, amid the wails of the women and the frightened shrieks of the innocent babes. As the march proceeded, at intervals a robber would stop and put his unwilling protector on his feet, and bid it run home; it was not long until the road for a mile or more was sprinkled with a crowd of thirty helpless, weeping youngsters, telling along the wearisome way home.

THE YUNNAN RAILWAY.

The Question of Redemption.

PEKING, November 27. The question of redeeming the French concession of railways in Yunnan has been duly negotiated by the Chinese Minister to Paris, but the French authorities rejected the proposal. However, after the earnest effort of the Chinese Minister to Paris, the French Foreign Office has consented to the same, but as the British are now seeking to give a loan to China for the Szechow-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway the French Foreign Office wants, as consideration for consenting to the redemption, a loan arrangement, and especially tries to give a loan for railways starting from Hankow. Thus the Chinese Minister to Paris has acquired the Waiwupu if there is any railway either in Canton or Hankow which is in need of a foreign loan and also to instruct him how to meet the proposition of the French Foreign Office.—R.

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JAPANESE MILITARY MANOEUVRES.

An Interesting Reminiscence.

On the 15th instant, the first day of the grand military manoeuvres just concluded, General Negi, the hero of Port Arthur, was seen partaking of a simple Japanese meal, using the orthodox chop-sticks, says the "Japan Chronicle" of Nov. 23. The "canton" was a low, weather-beaten thatched cottage near the village of Mibu. A foreign gentleman, camera in hand, who happened to pass by the hut, caught sight of the late General enjoying his lunch, and after a little hesitation approached him apologetically, and, paying his respects, asked if he might be allowed the honour of taking the General's photograph as a memento of the surprise meeting, suggesting that perhaps the General would prefer to move to a more picturesque spot, under the shade of some trees near by. With a happy smile the General expressed his pleasure at seeing a friend from a foreign land and said he had no objection to being photographed. But, as to going to the shade of the trees, he pointed out that during manoeuvres a General should equally share with the private all the inconveniences; he was taking his meal just as an ordinary private would, and was not ashamed to be discovered in that position. The photographer might just as well take his picture there as under the trees yonder. With this remark General Negi proceeded with his meal and allowed himself to be thus photographed. We hope the foreigner was successful in securing a good picture.

TOKYO, November 21.

Attaches of eleven nationalities were present at the military manoeuvres held this week in Tochigi, Ibaraki Prefecture. Major-General Broadwood, Commandant of Hongkong and Major-General Parrish, United States Army, were among the representatives of foreign countries. The plan of campaign was based on the Battle of Shaho; the eastern force represented the Russian army and the western or Japanese forces remained on the defensive. Great vigour was shown in the attack, and having driven the defenders across the Kiu River (Shaho) the attacking force was adjudged successful. No movements during the operations attracted as much notice as did those of the heavy artillery, which was held to have demonstrated that it can be moved freely in the field and actually keep in touch with an army advancing rapidly in difficult country. It must be remembered, however, that Japan possesses more than the average number of good roads and that the supply of pontoons was sufficient to bridge all the streams crossing the line of march.

A balloon was used for scouting purposes and it was found impossible to locate khaki-clad troops unless at short ranges. Horses, artillery and arms could be "picked up" at great distances, but the value of a khaki colour for clothing was fully confirmed.

A BUSTIC VIEW.

The martial spirit of the inhabitants and the rustic simplicity of the peasant class of Japan are revealed plainly in the following extract from the "Japan Times":

Scoutship now reigns high in and about Yuki, where the Emperor is supervising the grand Army manoeuvres. The battle-field is enveloped in dense smoke, hills and dales resound with the deafening sounds of great guns. In the thick of a battle the army of white ribbon, was driven back and beat a retreat. Eager crowds witnessing the action became dreadfully indignant and vigorously protested against the cowardly flight. Some rustic fellow asked in an angry tone if the soldiers had any Yamato spirit in them. And yet the army had to retreat, but the crowds refused to give way. The result was that some of them were kicked headlong into the swamp by galloping steeds while others had their hearing organs damaged by the great reports of guns. One elderly man was seen shedding tears while looking gloomily into the sky above and on being questioned for the reason by another replied that he had been gazing skyward for three hours in vain to see the airplanes which it had been reported to him would take part in the battle.—"N.C. Daily News."

PROFITS OF FRENCH CASINOS.

Dieppe and Trouville.

PARIS, Oct. 28. In June of the present year a law was passed enacting a tax of 15 per cent. on all sums taken by gambling establishments where roulette, trente et quarant, and petits chevaux are played. Hitherto very exaggerated ideas have been prevalent regarding the profits made by casinos, but henceforth these can be no secret. During the first three months the regulations led to the closing of only one casino, that of St. Nazaire. The total receipts for the summer season are not much over £90,000 (exactly 1,520,679 francs 12 centimes), and it is calculated that for a whole year the State may reckon upon something like £200,000, which is, after all, not so very great an addition to the revenue.

The largest contributor is Vichy, whose six casinos pay a total receipt of a little over £87,000. Aix les Bains is a good second with about £51,000, while Dieppe can show £27,000 odd, and Boulogne a little under £27,000. Trouville takes third place with a little more than £48,000, and Biarritz makes a poor show with £14,000. The smallest returns are made by the Casino de Sainte-Marie-de-Cusset, which, with 199 francs only, enriched the Treasury with about 17s. 6d.

THE OIL TRADE.

Japanese Activity.

Great interest is being taken in the City, says a London contemporary, in the growth of California's oil trade with Japan. This is to some extent the result of the purchase by the Japanese of two tank steamers to run in the oil trade of the Pacific and the Far East. Directly the present remarkable boom in tank steamers started the Japanese bought the Hermione from Messrs Bowring and Co., had her fitted on the Tyne to burn liquid fuel, and are now sending her away to carry oil for Japan. They have also purchased from the same company a vessel which is at present on the stocks. This shows that the Japanese are determined to have their own oil-carrying fleets. Japan has made contracts with California oil companies for the delivery of huge quantities of liquid fuel. There are no fewer than 22 tank steamers building at the present time; some of these will be launched before the end of the year, and the entire fleet will be in service early in 1908. They are all splendid steamers, every one a petrol carrier if necessary.

AN EXTRAORDINARY ACCIDENT.

Sunk While Being Launched.

Tremendous consternation was caused at Genoa by an amazing incident, happily unattended with loss of life, which occurred near Spina on the afternoon of Sept. 22. A great concourse of spectators assembled to witness the launching of the new steamship Princess Yolanda, the largest vessel of its kind yet built in Italy. The ship was descending majestically into the water, when a large section of the cradle clung to the hull, and burst into flames, causing the vessel to incline heavily to the left side at an angle of 60 degrees. As the first frantic cheers of the spectators subsided into unguishing silence, the ship suddenly described a curve eastward, plunged to the bottom of the gulf, and disappeared from view.

The Princess Yolanda was 480ft. long, 49ft. wide, with a displacement of 10,500 tons. When complete she was to possess over 2500 tons of coal and 1000 tons of stores. She was designed to carry 190 first-class, 170 second-class, and 1000 third-class passengers, and a crew of 240. The Princess Yolanda presented a weight of 6000 tons. The loss was estimated at close upon a quarter of a million sterling. Although she was carrying three Italian and 10 English insurance companies for £200,000, it is doubtful (the "Chronicle" correspondent states) whether this sum will be paid, and in any event it is not likely that it will be all the rumours of neglect and malice have been satisfactorily disposed of and the mystery thoroughly cleared up.

At the moment of the disaster the commander had to pace the ship with a loaded revolver in his hand to ensure obedience to orders, and thus avert a terrible loss of life among the hundreds aboard.

The Italian Lloyd Steamship Company absolutely declines all responsibility for the disaster, nor will the directors pay a cent unless and until the liner constructed for their service is delivered over to them in perfect condition. The head engineer, Signor Tappani, who since the catastrophe has persisted in remaining on the spot crying like a child, has gone mad.

The Princess Yolanda had been built at an unusual distance from the water's edge. As soon as the smoke caused by the friction of the woodwork dispersed, the ship was observed with a heavy list to the starboard, and the boat was saved by the captain's quick action. The captain and boatwain remained on board, directing the tugs to swing the stern round, and bring the ship parallel with the shore. During this operation the ship got completely over on her side, and went down in 40ft. to 50ft. of water.

The builders were the Societa Esercizio Bagni, who own the graving docks at Genoa. The yard is situated at Riva Trigoso, about 20 miles east of Genoa, the owners being the Lloyd Italiano Steam Navigation Company. Special attention had been given to the provision of watertight doors, which could be closed from the captain's bridge. In the modern style, much top hamper had been provided, including a winter garden. Five lifts gave access to the spacious and luxurious accommodation for the 400 cabin passengers.

The quick expansion engines, also built by the Societa Esercizio Bagni, were on board. They were calculated to drive the ship at 12½ knots, thus reducing the duration of the voyage from Genoa to Buenos Ayres to 15 days. The ship was insured for 5,600,000 lire.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 3rd at 12.05 p.m. The barometer has fallen over China, slightly in the South and considerably in the North.

A depression is probably moving Eastwards over Manchuria.

The high pressure area remains over the continent to the North of the Upper Yangtze, but gradients are somewhat easier along the China coast.

Strong monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N. winds, moderate or fresh; fine. 2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong. 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: Same as No. 1. 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: N. winds, fresh or strong.

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REVIEWS.

A HISTORY OF THE INQUISITION OF SPAIN. By Henry Charles Lea, LL.D. New York, The Macmillan Company.

Dr. Lea has finished his work, and the concluding volume of this series is now available. It is, in every way, comparable with the three volumes that have already been issued, although it is somewhat less attractive than the others, because of the nature of the subjects treated. It is distinctly repulsive to have the facts of positive criminality laid bare in the way this author does; but it had to be done, for it is only fair to say what little good there is to be said for the officials of the Inquisition in trying to suppress these evils. Those officials did make an effort in this direction, even if but little was accomplished, for, too often, the worst offenders were sheltered by powerful friends among the higher ecclesiastical or statesmen. In the concluding section, the author reviews very briefly the origin, development, and final abolishment of the Inquisition in 1834, and admits, as all must, that while nothing that is positively good can be said for the Holy Office, there were extenuating circumstances to be found for it in the attitude of the Romish Church a few centuries ago, when absolute abandonment of personal rights in all moral and spiritual matters was demanded of believers. If this demand, in the existing circumstances, extended to political, social, and private rights, it should not cause great surprise, for with the rulers and statesmen of the time more than willing to give up their rights and duties into the hands of Mother Church, it was inevitable that something like the Inquisition must be. The student of history now has at his disposal, for the first time, what may be called the only exhaustive study of the Inquisition of Spain that has been made in our language, or in any other for that matter. While the author's antipathy to the Holy Office is apparent, "we cannot truthfully say that it has warped his judgment. There are, no doubt, some who will take a stand quite opposed to him, and it must not be said that the last word has been written. It is hardly conceivable that further research in the archives of the Romish Church, now being thrown open to the study of all as never before, will make the Inquisition justified or attractive. We must join our thanks to those of many others, to Dr. Lea for his work and for the way he has presented the results of his investigations, as well as to the publishers for dressing that work in a most artistic manner.

"THE SCOUNDREL": A Romance. By Ernest Oldmowd. E. Grant Richards. The other day several well known critics were asking quite plaintively why English authors always went abroad, or back to the dawn of history, or to great spacious times like Queen Elizabeth's, for the scenes and atmospheres of their romances. England, they argued, was not really destitute of natural poetry, opportunity, and sentiment, and, if our writers only chose, they could easily find to-day within its sea-girt borders ample scope for adventure, and for the quaint or whimsical happenings and atmospheres that all true authors of romance love. Well, here is a serious answer to their question—a real, full-blooded romance duly dated June 1, 1906, and located in a furnished bungalow about half a mile from Brixton, and Brattle is, apparently, a South Coast resort. The hero is a young archaeologist named Barrington, who lives alone, and directs the unearthing of a Roman villa with a small but almost perfect pavement representing the burial of Orpheus by the Muses. To him enters one day another and a plausible foreign archaeologist, who calls himself "Canuto," claims to be the author of a monumental work on "The Suburbs of Pompeii," and wants to borrow £4 to redeem from the grasp of a landlady a model for a statue, "Fame Asleep," which is said to be the finest work of "Gianbattista Storno of Torino." Barrington goes in his motor car with Canuto and inspects this model, which rests in an old studio in a garden.

He explains:— In the middle of the room, on a wooden platform, I saw what appeared to be a long box covered with a tarpaulin. It looked like a rude imitation of a draped casket in a church on All Souls' Day. The first glimpse of it was uncanny.

"Come! I will show you. Nicolo has made it ready," said Canuto, briskly. He led me forward and flung the tarpaulin aside.

I cried out. On the rough bier lay a block of crystal clear ice, about six feet long. And frozen solid inside was the recumbent figure of a woman!

"Canuto—burst out laughing. "Quite a compliment to poor Gianbattista Storno," he chuckled. "Why, you jumped as if the lady was alive?"

"On the contrary," I said, "I jumped as if the lady was dead."

"She is not dead. She is immortal," said Canuto, grandly. "Ideal beauty is indestructible."

I peered through the crystalline shroud, and gazed upon the form of a beautiful girl. A robe, or, rather, a drapery of flame coloured silk, was wound round her, so that it covered her bosom, leaving her arms and neck bare. Below her waist her folds were full and fro and graceful. Her long black hair hung streaming over her left shoulder, and her head was garlanded with bay leaves intertwined, as if by an afterthought, with poppies. In her slender hand she held a long, slender silver trumpet, so long that it extended some inches beyond her outstretched hand.

Here be the elements of romance indeed! At all events, the sight moves Barrington strangely, and he lends the money required and takes this wax model off to his bungalow, where he has it deposited in a cool locker. Then, for the telephone bell almost immediately rings, and he is told

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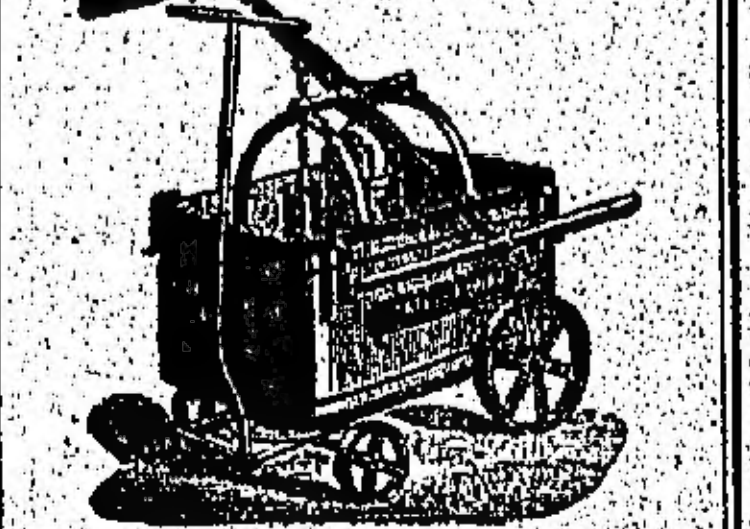
rather roughly by Canuto to read a book that has been left on his hall floor under a hat stand. He does so, and is then horrified to find written in a little manuscript volume these words:—"Do you want to know what it feels like to be a murderer? If you can't, you'd better than the Frozen Lady at once. Otherwise the railway people will charge her as a corpse. By the time you peruse these lines she will have been frozen nearly three hours. Don't dawdle. Knock off the head end of the ice with a mallet. Pull her out gently by the shoulders. She won't break. For the rest take note of two points. She is mine, not yours. When it suits me I shall come to redeem her, with four pounds and interest at five per cent. Also take note that she is purer than a lily, as well as more lovely than a rose. Her name (so far as you are concerned) is Letho, because she has forgotten everything. Don't worry the poor child with questions. Her mind reflects her past no more than a river in flood reflects the buds on the poplars." Luckily, Barrington has plenty of pluck, and he releases this strange girl from her curious prison-house, while the extraordinary experiences which they both subsequently undergo make, in themselves, one of the most delightful and interesting romances that one could ever wish to read. Mr. Oldmowd also has the priceless gift of humour and he never forgets to let that illuminating quality play across some of his most sensational and perplexing scenes. The publishers also deserve a word of compliment on the cover in which they have bound "The Scoundrel." It is really one of the prettiest issued this season.

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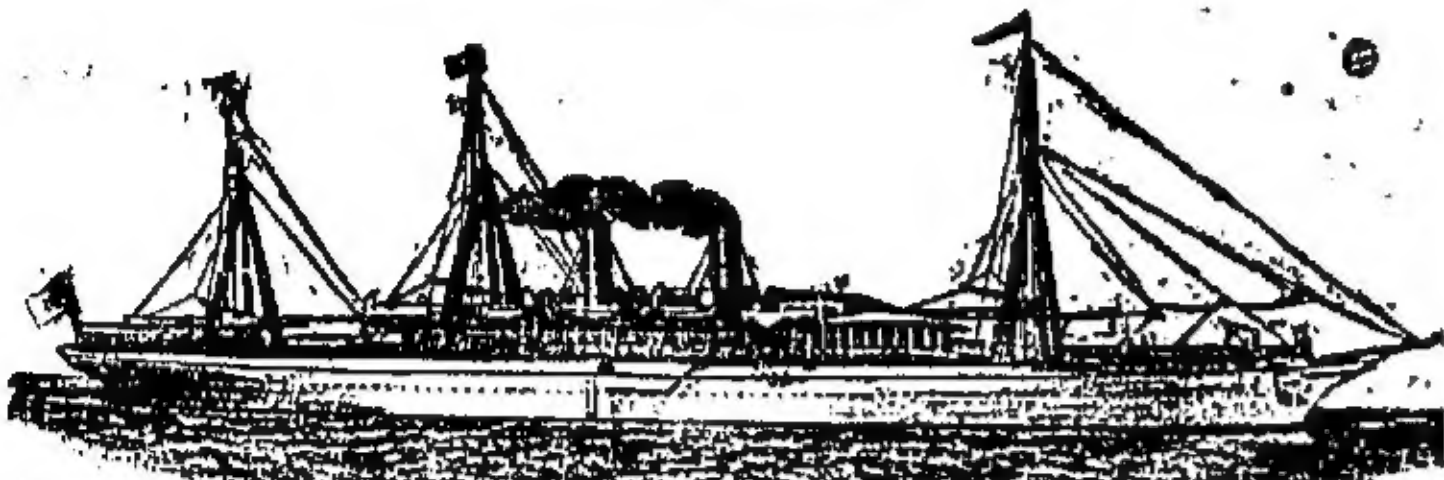
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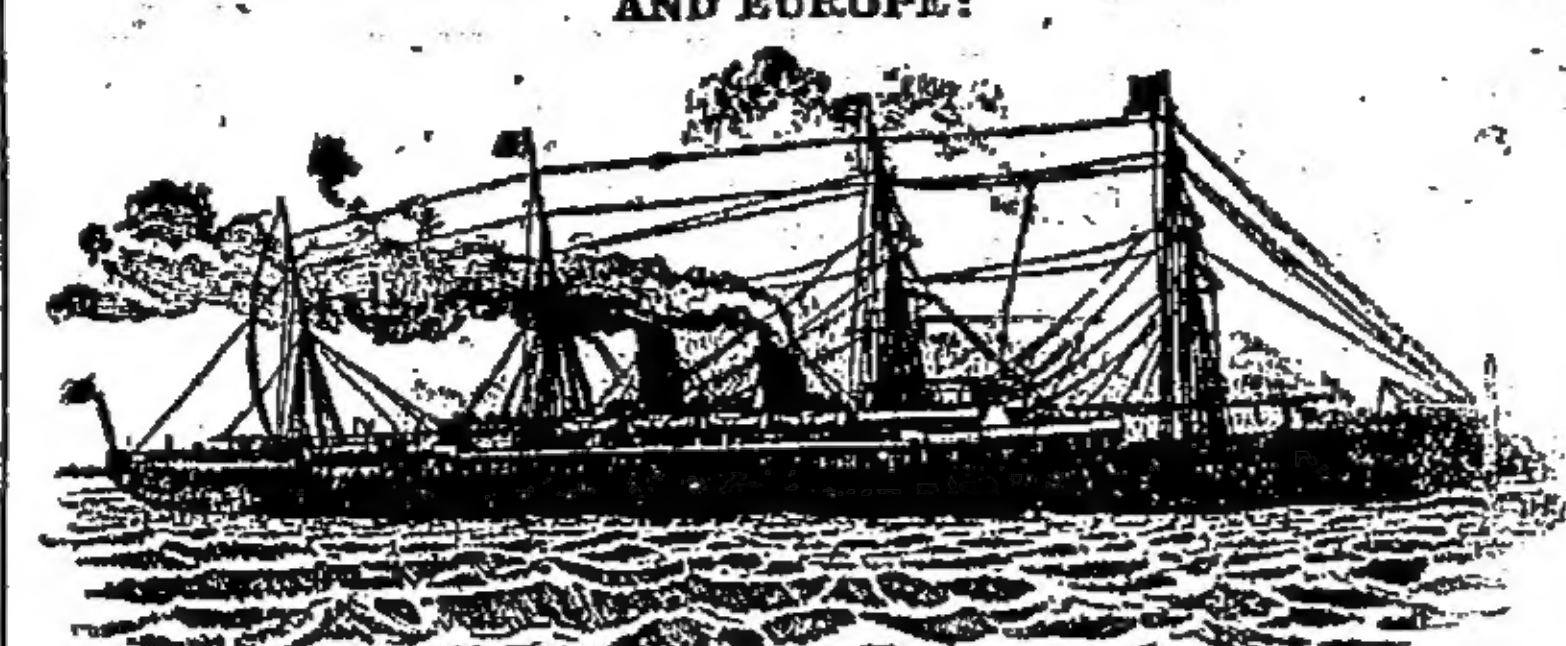
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